

PURITY SQUAD RAIDS WRONG HOUSE SHOT BY OCCUPANT AS BURGLARS

Capt. Wylie J. White, Who Had Just Run Burglars Away, Opens Fire on Purity Squad, Which, Seeing Burglars Run, Thought Them to Be Soldiers Who Had Been Buying Booze From Bootlegging Place.

DUE to a series of honest misunderstandings and errors, there took place at 3:45 o'clock Friday night, at the residence of Capt. Wylie J. White, 454 field artillery, living with his family at 2011 Madison avenue, a pistol duel between the captain and one of the city's "purity squad," composed of special officer Walter Beers, detective captain W. A. Simpson, precinct guard Lionel Williams, R. St. Clair and city detective Mr. Edgar. The shooting, resulting in Capt. White being seriously wounded in the breast, a bullet penetrating one lung, Lieut. St. Clair sustaining a wound in the hand and hip, and detective Beers receiving a minor shoulder wound.

Defending Against Burglars. The duel was participated in by Capt. White alone on one side, and the "purity squad" on the other, and each side was ignorant of the other's presence. Capt. White thought he was defending his home against burglars, while the squad was on the search for alleged bootleggers.

Capt. White's home had been burglarized on Christmas eve, and according to evidence secured by county attorney W. H. Fryer, three men had made an attempt to enter the place Friday night as the "purity squad" approached the neighborhood. The three unknown men had succeeded in cutting a hole in a wire screen at the house but were frightened off by Capt. and Mrs. White. The "purity squad," hunting for a reported bootlegging place and not knowing they were near Capt. White's home, came up as the three burglars were running.

Sound Met By Fusillade. They were taken to be men having secured liquor, and one member of the squad went to the front door of Capt. White's home and knocked. There was no response and the officer went to the back door and resumed the knocking. A fusillade of shots then came from a bathroom window. Capt. White thinking he was firing at the burglars who had just attempted to break in.

When shots came in their direction, some members of the squad returned the fire. In a few minutes, participants in the affray were wounded. A call for help was sent out meanwhile and several soldiers came from Fort Bliss. Capt. and Mrs. White were still of the opinion at that time that burglars had been attacking the place.

Recognizes Soldier's Pls. County attorney Fryer was summoned at once and arrived at the home hospital at Fort Bliss shortly after Capt. White and Lieut. St. Clair were taken there. He spoke to Capt. White and the latter was yet of the belief he had fired on burglars. When told one bullet had wounded the assistant precinct marshal, he could not believe it.

Mrs. White said that when the soldiers came from Fort Bliss after the shooting, she recognized one man in the crowd a college pin that had been stolen from her home, but as she still believed a gang of burglars had attacked the place, she made no mention at the time and the man was allowed to get away. Detective Mohr was taken to the emergency hospital, where his wound was dressed by police surgeon Dr. J.

'PURITY SQUAD' IN 'WATERHAUL' Newspaper Woman Goes A-Plumming in Southside, But Fails to Get Booze.

By MARY WHITE.

"We want a pint of whiskey. Look out for a girl with a red cap and a soldier," said "Mary White," from the little police station at South El Paso street, amid the silence of the "Purity squad."

"All right. We'll be out at once," was the reply from a prominent messenger service company. Five minutes later, "Mary White," the newspaper woman, and the soldier, with his proven guard's costume covered, shivered on the windy corner of Seventh and Oregon. Down the street came a lad on a bicycle, only a boy of 17 years or so, who disappointed the erring couple by refusing to give them the "boozie" on the street.

"We're taking his chances," he said, "only yesterday one of our boys was 'plummed' for giving a guy some whiskey. Give me a street address and I'll have a cycling plan for it, and you can have it."

"Mary" suggested that her landlady was averse to soldiers calling any way, and would certainly refuse her the sanctuary of her six by eight if the soldiers appeared. The messenger was disappointed, as was the soldier, who really longed for a drink. The street was swept by an icy wind.

Has Shivers of Horror. Then during the short conversation, which was within the hearing of a big athletic policeman, many of the aspects of the purity campaign were discussed. The boy was well posted, and shivers of horror went down "Mary's" spine when he told her that "he be found with a soldier, maybe a year in jail." So the boy spun round to his messenger company without the money for the whiskey, and the newspaper woman was glad. He was such a boy.

Southside Cleaning Up. The southside of the city is "cleaning up." Saloons are being virtuosoed, and the precinct guard has a very "dry" evening. In one little house, a cheerful place with piano and plenty of soft drinks, a soldier found what he said he was the proprietor, and was thereby probably breaking the federal law.

It was an interesting experience and seemed made up of distinct episodes, one being that of the captain and the auto stand which was to send an auto big enough for four, with 12 bottles of beer and a quart of whiskey, to Seventh and Oregon. Two members of the Defense league had their turn of shivering on the corner, and after a second call for the auto, it came, but the driver said that he had no money, and the members did not trust him to return with the drinks even if he was given the money.

Walk Through Smelly Alleys. Then there were the walks through dark and smelly alleys, hardly large enough for the portly ones of the party to pass through, with a stench which literally went up to heaven. Two hotel were visited, and the thought of Russia passed through the reporter's head—Russia, where midnight visitations meant the police, St. Petersburg.

In the hall of one queer little hotel the three members of the Defense league and "Mary" were discussing the possibility of being shot, and later, when walking along a balcony before another hotel, a policeman suggested to "Mary" if there were shooting, she lie down. About the same time, she lie down.

EL PASO HERALD FAVORS BRANCH U. S. BANK HERE

Branch of Dallas Reserve Bank Is Recommended by Judge Ramsey.

Letters have been received here from Judge W. F. Ramsey, chairman of the Dallas federal reserve bank, saying he had urged that a branch of the regional bank be established here and added that the outlook for the establishment of such a branch here early in the year was most favorable.

Judge Ramsey was here recently to investigate the banking situation in the southwest. The proposed branch bank will serve the Texas country west of Midland, and also Arizona and New Mexico.

Another part of the city, the other party, which she had just happened to refuse to accompany, was being shot down in the night. Truly, the guardian angel of reporters had hovered about the police station earlier in the evening.

Only Four Hides in State. The trip was a somewhat fruitless one. Four persons were found who did not seem to live up to the requirements of a pure and clean El Paso, and these four rode in state to the stadium. One was an old lady, with one eye, a most unsatisfactory person, and another a younger person of rather good appearance. The men did not seem troubled by their sudden advent into the night. One was as smiling as if he had just been given a Christmas gift, instead of being obliged to give the judge one later.

The Mexicans are a decade race judged from the way they treated the visitations. They said very little and apparently kept their tempers and vocabulary of profanity to themselves. With matches right, and a clear cold wind, the little settlement of Mexican hotels and homes seemed very attractive, and the picturesque passenger, with their mufflers high about their faces, fitted into the picture with the low Mexican buildings.

ILLEGAL CLUBS CLOSED; GAMBLING DEVICES NEXT

Starting Monday, the "clean up" campaign will be extended to include slot machines, punchboards and similar gambling devices. It was said by county officers Saturday, County Attorney W. H. Fryer has as a matter of fact, been prosecuting such violations of the law for months past, however, it will be said.

The chief evil of the gambling devices, it was said, is that boys under 25 years of age patronize them regularly. The antivice campaign, as being waged by city and county officials, has been endorsed by the directors of the Y. M. C. A., who also pledged to the officials every support in the movement they are able to give.

The campaign, meanwhile, is progressing favorably. Practically every illegal club in the city has been closed and, according to information at the office of sheriff John B. Orendorff, most of the taverns on the county road have closed their doors.

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REALTY QUIET; DEALS PENDING

Cash Buyers After Homes; Fenchler and Grayle in Big Building Trade.

Deeds Filed, \$83,263; Building Permits, \$4315

Warranty deeds filed in the office of county clerk William C. Great during the week ended Friday, Dec. 29, had a total valuation of \$83,263. The deeds filed by date were as follows:

Deeds	Valuation
Saturday.....	\$ 421
Sunday.....	734
Monday.....	12,000
Tuesday.....	8,325
Wednesday.....	61,225
Total.....	\$83,263

Building Permits, \$4315. Building permits to the value of \$4315 were filed during the week ending Dec. 28, at the office of the building inspector Perry Moten, Jr. Permits taken by date were as follows:

Permits	Valuation
Saturday.....	\$ 315
Sunday.....	7100
Monday.....	290
Tuesday.....	590
Wednesday.....	300
Total.....	\$4315

Real estate was practically dormant this week on account of the holidays, but it is expected that after New Year's day the prospects will be better. Several realtors reported good business.

T. E. Head & Co. made several sales of late, two of which were finished this week. They were: C. L. Wolfe to Rev. W. M. Fairley, lots 1 and 2, block 36, Alexander addition, for \$1020. This was practically an all cash transaction.

J. G. Lamprecht sold three lots in the Five Palms district on Tulare street to Mrs. Elma Cato for \$1550, mostly cash.

Cash Buyers Numerous. Mr. Head said that calls for close in property at a conservative price are a daily occurrence, which is evidence that each buyer and investor and that business is not at a standstill by any means, and that he has more trouble locating absolutely safe and profitable investments than he does the buyers, which shows how the faith property owners have in El Paso and their investments and that there are always quick buyers for mortgages.

"There are good signs and trends

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ENGLISH LABOR WARNS NATION

Declares Rationing Is Unfair, Favoring Wealthier Classes; Uprising Hinted.

London, Eng., Dec. 29.—The national convention of the trades union labor party and war emergency workers adopted resolutions today protesting against "the sufferings now being unnecessarily inflicted upon the mass of urban consumers by the prolonged delay of the government in organizing an equitable system of distribution of the supplies of food" and demanding equal sharing among all families without regard to wealth or class with compulsory rationing.

Robert Smillie, of the miners' union, warned the government in his resolution that "a grave crisis is arising in this country and any delay on the part of the government endangers to act fairly to all."

much optimism on the part of those who are involved in the ahead. El Paso is not dead, she is merely resting for the time being, but we are very enthusiastic over the prospects of a big business next spring," said Mr. Head.

Out of Town Sales.

The El Paso office of Wells Fargo Realty Co. announces the following sales:

To H. Carver, eight and one-half acres of improved land, a ranch near Valera; \$4000.

To William Kirby, two bungalows in the Highland Park addition.

To Byron E. Pennington, 30 acres near Downing, N. M.

To W. E. Young, four room bungalow, corner Cambridge and Borne streets.

To Marion Robertson, 610 acres near Torah, Tex.

To Mrs. M. Sherrill, bungalow at 2781 Memphis street; \$3200.

To W. L. and T. E. Taylor, 15 acres near Washington park.

Sells Freeman Warehouse.

T. J. Cassidy sold to E. Freeman to C. J. Noel, a brick warehouse on the corner of Ontario and Missouri streets for \$10,000.

Frank R. Hadlock and W. C. Porter reported two sales:

E. E. Hadlock and W. C. Porter to T. J. Phillips, lot 25 and 26, block 68, Grand View addition; \$700.

E. E. Hadlock and W. C. Porter to Miss Lizzie Ferrone, lots 18 to 14, block A, Western Heights addition; \$320.

Fenchler Sells Lone Star Corner.

N. G. Fenchler & Co. announce the sale from W. H. Fenchler to John M. Grayle of part of lots 122 and 124, block 26, Anson Mills map, 127 South Chihuahua street, with building, for \$6000. This is the property previously sold by the Fenchler company on the first floor and a rooming house in the second.

Glitch Has New Front.

C. H. Glitch, proprietor of Glitch's grocery, 4, Copia and Hueco streets, has added a new front to his store, 14 feet long, by 41 feet deep, the work costing about \$1500. A market with barbecued meat is to be run in connection with the grocery department.

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BIG LAND FRAUD CASE IS DISMISSED; EVIDENCE VAGUE

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 28.—Asserting that government attorneys had not shown clearly enough how the alleged fraud was committed, Judge John A. River, in the United States district court, today dismissed the case of the government against the Diamond Coal and Coke company, in which the latter was charged with having fraudulently obtained thousands of acres of Wyoming coal lands.

These lands were estimated to be worth more than \$1,000,000 and the government alleged the company obtained possession by "dummy" entries. The lands are largely in Lincoln and Uinta counties.

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